HIGH COURT OF UTTARANCHAL AT NAINITAL.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Writ Petition no. 270 (S/S) 2006

Anvita Patni D/o Sri S.D. Patni,
(Smt. Anvita Tripathi w/o Sri Paresh Tripathi),
R/o 7 Alma Lodge, Mallital, Nainital,
Presently residing at Shreealaya,
Armadela Compound, Mallital, Nainital. ----Petitioner.

Vs.

1. State of Uttaranchal, through Secretary,
   Human Resource Development Department,
   Uttaranchal Civil Secretariat, Dehradun,
2. Director of Education,
   Uttaranchal, Dehradun,
3. Joint Director of Education,
   Kumaon Mandal, Nainital. ----Respondents.

Sri B.D. Upadhyay, learned counsel for the petitioner,
Ld. Standing Counsel for the State/respondents.

Hon'ble Rajesh Tandon, J,

Heard Sri B.D. Upadhyay, learned, counsel for the petitioner and learned Standing Counsel for the State/ respondents.

2. The petitioner in her writ petition has prayed to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to appoint the petitioner as L.T. Grade Teacher in Hindi in accordance with U.P. Subordinate Educational (Trained Graduates Grade) Service Rules 1983 by awarding the quality point marks for the post graduate degree adding the marks obtained by the petitioner in post graduation.

3. Briefly stated, the petitioner has applied for the post of Assistant Teacher (Hindi) in L.T. Grade in Kumaon Region.

4. Contention of the petitioner is that he has applied for the aforesaid post in pursuance of the advertisement dated 17th June 2002. According to the petitioner, he possesses all the requisite qualifications and is eligible to be appointed for the said post. The petitioner came to know that she has not been awarded quality point marks for her post graduate degree in Geography.

5. Grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents arbitrarily did not grant quality point marks of her post graduation degree of M.A. in Geography.

6. The quality point marks are to be given in accordance with the Rule 15 of the U.P. Subordinate Educational (Trained Graduates Grade) Service Rules, 1983 which are contained in Appendix-D, the same is quoted as below:-

S.No.	Name of Examination	Quality Points
(i)	High School	The % of Marks/10
(ii)	Intermediate	The % of Marks x 2/10
(iii)	Graduate Degree	The % of Marks x 4/10
(iv)	Training Theory Ist Division- II nd Division III Division *Practical-* Ist Division	 12 06 03

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(V)	Post Graduate Degree Ist Division IInd Division IIIrd Division	 15 10 05

7. On the other hand learned Standing Counsel contended that the petitioner has not given quality points for her Post Graduation Degree according to the rule and condition prescribed in the advertisement. The Competent Selection Committee had adopted the procedure to give quality points to such applicants, who posses Post Graduation qualification with Trained Graduation in such subject for which he has applied for.

8. It is alleged by the petitioner that for preparing the merit list, quality points are given for post graduate degree, irrespective of the subject. In the month of June, 2003, respondents have issued appointment letters for filling the post of Assistant Teacher, L.T. Grade, Hindi (Language) but the petitioner has been left out. On enquiry the petitioner came to know that her post graduate degrees in Geography has not been considered and no quality points has been awarded for the same. The petitioner was under impression that at the time of preparing merit list, the respondents shall consider her post graduation degree. The post graduation degree in Geography

has not been taken into account. The petitioner, alleging the discrimination as arbitrary and violative of Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, relying of the Apex Court Judgment of Dr. M.A. Haque Vs. Union of India,1993 (2) S.C.C. pg. 213, has sought the mandamus for consideration of her case for the appointment of L.T. Grade teacher through this writ petition.

9. The Division Bench of Hon'ble the Apex Court in the case of Dr. M.A. Haque Vs. Union of India, 1993 (2) S.C.C. pg. 213 has held as under:-

"....We are also conscious of the fact that candidates in service have a disadvantage as against the fresh candidates in the tests particularly when they face the tests after a long lapse of time. As against this, however, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the recruitment rules made under Article 309 of the Constitution have to be followed strictly and not in breach. If a disregard of the rule and the by-passing of the Public Service Commission are permitted, it will open a back-door for illegal recruitment without limit. In fact this court has, of late, been witnessing a constant violation of the recruitment rules and a scant respect for the constitutional provisions requiring recruitment to the services through the Public Service Commission. It appears that since this Court has in some case permitted regularisation of the irregularly recruited employees, some Governments and authorities have been increasingly resorting to irregular recruitments. The result has been that the recruitment rules and the Public Service Commission have been kept in cold storage and candidates dictated by various considerations are being recruited as matter of course......"

10. Rule 15. of the U.P. Subordinate Edu.(Trained Grad Grade) Service Rules , 1983 provides Procedure for direct recruitment, which reads as under:-

"1. (a) The Regional Deputy Director of Education concerned shall in respect of the vacancies of both branches (Men's and Women's Branch) to be filled by direct recruitment, advertise the vacancies subject-wise, along with the number of vacancies to be reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Tribes and other categories of persons in at least two leading newspapers, one having wide circulation in the region and the other in the State, and invite applications for direct recruitment in the proforma given in Appendix 'C'. Such advertisement shall, inter alia, mentioned the pay and allowances relating to the posts, minimum academic qualifications for appointment thereto and such other information as may be considered necessary.

(b). The application referred to in Clause (a) shall be sent by registered post, to the Regional Deputy Director of Education within three weeks from the date of publication of advertisement in the newspaper, so as to reach the office of the Regional Deputy Director of Education on or before the last date of receipt of application mentioned in the advertisement.

(c). The application referred to in clause (a) shall be accompanied by-

(i) a fee of fifteen rupees in the form of Crossed Postal order payable to the concerned Regional deputy Director of Education:

Provided that such fee shall in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes be five rupees:

(ii) a self-addressed envelope; and

(iii) other documents as may be required.

(d) No application sent in accordance with Clause (b) or (c) shall be taken into consideration.

2. The Regional Deputy Director of Education shall scrutinize the applications and shall cause the lists of candidate to be prepared of the basis of quality points specified in Appendix 'D'. The Regional Deputy Director of Education shall place the lists along with the applications before the Selection Committee.

3. There shall be a Selection Committee for selection of candidates for appointment by direct recruitment comprising"

(i) Appointing Authority.

(ii) The Regional Deputy Director of Education or the Regional Inspectress of Girls Schools, who is not appointing authority,

(iii) Regional Assistant Director of Education (Basic).

The appointing authority shall be the Chairman.

4. The Selection Committee shall, after considering the cases of candidates on the basis of lists referred to in sub-rule (2), prepare subject-wise lists of selected candidates for appointment in L.T. Grade in order of merit as disclosed by the quality points complied under sub-rule (2). If two or more candidates obtain equal quality points, the name of the candidate who is older in age shall be placed higher in list. The number of names in the list shall be larger (but not larger by more than twenty five percent) than the number of vacancies advertised under sub-rule (1)."

11. Sub rule (4) of Rule 15 of U.P. Subordinate Educational (Trained Graduates Grade) Service Rules 1983 reads as under:

"*The selection Committee shall, after considering the cases of candidates on the basis of lists referred to in sub-rule (2), prepare subject wise lists of selected candidates for*

appointment in L.T,. Grade in order of merit as disclosed by the quality points complied under sub-rule (2). If two or more candidates obtained equal quality points the name of the candidate who is older in age shall be placed higher in list. The number of names in the list shall be larger (but no larger by more than 25 per cent) than the number of vacancies advertised under sub-rule (1).”

12. **Appendix ‘D’**

[See Rule 15(2)]

Quality points for selection by direct recruitment

Name of Examination	Quality Points
1. High School	The Percentage of marks / 10
2. Intermediate	The Percentage of marks x 2 / 10
3. Graduate Degree	The Percentage of marks x 4 / 10
Others:	
4.Training: I Division II Division 1st Div. 2nd Div. 3rd Div. III Division	
(a) Theory	1263
(b) Practical	1263
5. Post Graduate Degree	15105

13. Appendix ‘D’ read with the above rule shows that for calculating the quality points, for a Post Graduate Degree, it has not been made necessary that the post Graduate Degree should be in the same subject for which the candidate has sought appointment in L.T Grade. Thus, denial of the quality points to the petitioner can’t be said to be justified. In view of principle of law laid down in MA Haque V/s Union of India (1993) 2 1993 Supreme Court cases Pg 213, the Government is supposed to comply with the rules framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of India. U.P. Subordinate Educational (Trained

Graduates Grade) Service Rules 1983 are the rules which are framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of India and respondents cannot bypass the same.

14. As will appear from the aforesaid Rule that the post graduation of the same subject being not provided under the statutory rule, the petitioner is entitled to be considered for selection in accordance with the Rules.

15. In the circumstances, in view of the above discussions this Court is in full agreement with the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has wrongly been denied consideration of her case by not awarding her quality points. Therefore, writ petition deserves to be allowed.

16. For the reasons stated above, a writ of mandamus is hereby issued directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner by awarding her quality points as per the U.P. Subordinate Educational (Trained Graduates Grade) Service Rules 1983 within a period of one month from the date of filing of a certified copy of this order. However, it is made clear that in case, the petitioner has obtained higher quality point marks than the marks obtained by the last person selected in the recruitment, the petitioner shall be given due credit so far her appointment is concerned on the post of Assistant Teacher, L.T Grade, on the basis of quality point marks. The order shall be passed within a period of one month by giving appointment to the petitioner on the post of Assistant Teacher L.T. Grade.

17. Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed. No order as to costs.

(**Rajesh Tandon, J.)**

March 3,2006:
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